

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY TEHRAN  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8350

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ABLD, IR  
SUBJECT: ELECTRIC POWER SUPPLY PROPERTY NO. 01430-J

AS THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, THE QUESTION OF THE EMBASSY SHIFT-  
ING OVER TO LOCAL ELECTRICAL POWER SUPPLY (CURRENTLY PROGRAM-  
MED FOR FY-80) HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION AND REVIEW  
FOR SEVERAL YEARS. DURING THIS PAST YEAR, IT HAS BECOME  
INCREASINGLY EVIDENT THROUGH FREQUENT RECURRING LOCAL POWER  
BLACKOUTS THAT LOCAL POWER SUPPLY IS NOT AND WILL NOT BE  
A RELIABLE ALTERNATIVE TO EMBASSY-GENERATED POWER IN THE  
TIMEFRAME CONTEMPLATED. INDEED, WITH THE CONTINUED INDUSTRI-  
ALIZATION OF TEHRAN AND SURROUNDING SUBURBS AND THE CONSTANT  
EXCESSIVE DEMAND OVER SUPPLY, IT IS HIGHLY QUESTIONABLE  
WHETHER LOCAL POWER SUPPLY WILL BE ADEQUATE WITHIN THE NEXT  
DECADE. AS FBO IS AWARE, VERY SENSITIVE EQUIPMENT ON THIS  
COMPOUND REQUIRES A CONSTANT RELIABLE SOURCE OF POWER.  
ACCORDINGLY, THE AMBASSADOR BELIEVES THAT PLANS TO  
SHIFT TO LOCAL POWER SUPPLY SHOULD BE HELD IN ABEYANCE  
FOR THE INDEFINITE FUTURE AND THAT FBO SHOULD PROCEED  
PROMPTLY TO REPLACE AND/OR SUPPLEMENT THE EMBASSY'S  
CURRENT GENERATING CAPACITY WITH LARGER, NEWER  
GENERATORS. AS IS WELL KNOWN, THE EMBASSY'S CURRENT  
GENERATING CAPACITY IS ANCIENT AND IN NEED OF CONSTANT  
REPAIR AND UPKEEP. PROMPT ACTION ON THIS MATTER,  
THEREFORE, IS URGENTLY REQUIRED.  
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